

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

I. Amendment to the Specification

In the specification, a new paragraph regarding seed deposit information has been inserted on page 1.

The amendment does not introduce new matter or change the scope of the claims. Accordingly, the entry of the amendment is requested.

II. Claim Status

No claim is requested to be canceled, amended, or added.

Claim 1 is now pending in this application.

III. Office Action

The only outstanding issue is the formal matter concerning seeds deposit. In this regard, the Examiner suggested that information relative to the Deposit requirement be set forth in the present specification. (Office Action page 2) Applicants have amended the specification by inserting the seed deposit information.

To ensure the compliance with the requirement, Applicants hereby state that:

Seeds of the plant *Phyllanthus amarus* that produce plants designated "CIM-Jeevan" have been deposited in the "National Gene Bank", funded by Government of India at CIMAP, with gene bank accession number "CIMAP 1421." They are readily traceable, retraceable and available to the public on demand. There will be no restriction to the availability of seeds to the public. The viability of the seeds is checked every year and redeposited in the gene bank, which will continue indefinitely.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above information meets the requirement set forth in 37 CFR 1.801-1.809. Therefore they request the reconsideration of the present application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 03/12/08

By Michael D. Kaminski

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP
Customer Number: 22428
Telephone: 202-672-5490
Facsimile: 202-672-5399

Michael D. Kaminski
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 32,904